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C O N F I D E N T I A L BLANTYRE 661

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: WHO, KS, KN, MI

SUBJ: NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION WHO MEMBERSHIP

REF: BLANTYRE 647

1. DURING MEETING WITH PRESIDENT BANDA MAY 4, I RAISED WITH HIM QUESTION NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION WHO MEMBERSHIP, RECALLING MALAWI SUPPORT AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY LAST FALL FOR RESOLUTION POSTPONING KOREAN ISSUE AND GIVING OUR REASONS FOR SIMILAR ACTION AT WHO MEETING. PRESIDENT BANDA REPLIED THAT UNFORTUNATELY HE HAD ALREADY GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS TO MALAWI DELEGATION WHICH DEPARTED MAY 2 TO ABSTAIN ON POSTPONEMENT RESOLUTION. BECAUSE NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA WERE HOLDING DISCUSSIONS HE THOUGHT BEST COURSE FOR MALAWI WAS NOT TO INVOLVE ITSELF IN THIS ISSUE. PRESIDENT SAID HE UNWILLING TO REVERSE DECISION ALREADY REACHED AND COMMUNICATED TO MALAWI DELEGATION.

2. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION I ASKED PRESIDENT IF HE WOULD RECONSIDER MATTER IF IT TURNED OUT THAT MALAWI VOTE WAS CRUCIAL TO PASSAGE OF RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF POSTPONEMENT. SOMEWHAT RELUCTANTLY PRESIDENT SAID HE WOULD RECONSIDER IN THIS EVENT BUT WITHOUT COMMITMENT ON HOW HE WOULD DECIDE.
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3. COMMENT: IF DEPT BELIEVES MALAWI VOTE COULD PROVE DECISIVE, WE COULD REOPEN ISSUE WITH PRESIDENT BANDA. TO DO SO WE WOULD NEED BEST ESTIMATE OF VOTES PRO AND CON. IT WOULD HELP IF RENEWED APPROACH COULD BE MADE IN NAME OF SECRETARY. WE CANNOT BE CONFIDENT OF WHILE THE EMBASSY HAS AS YET NOT RECEIVED OFFICIAL NOTICE TO CEASE UTILIZING THE FRANKFURT APO, IT HAS NOW RECEIVED STATE 083739 INFORMING EE POSTS THAT THE DEPT. INTENDS TO VIGOROUSLY PROTEST THE DOD DIRECTIVE. THE EMBASSY STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE DEPARTMENT'S COURSE OF ACTION SINCE THE LOSS OF ITS APO WOULD SERIOUSLY INCONVENIENCE THE EMBASSY. IT IS HOPED THAT IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, THE EMBASSY WILL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO USE THE FRANKFURT APO FACILITY. HOWEVER, SHOULD THAT NOT PROVE TO BE THE CASE, THE EMBASSY IS MAKING ALTERNATE PLANS TO BEGIN UTILIZING STATE DEPARTMENT AIR AND SEA POUCHES.

5. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS (1) THAT FUL-BRIGHT GRANTEES NOT BE INSTRUCTED TO UTILIZE APO FACILITY FOR SHIPMENT OF PERSONAL LETTER MAIL OR FOR SHIPMENT OF BOOKS AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS PURCHASED WITH THEIR \$200 ALLOWANCE, AND (2) THAT THE DEPARTMENT SEEK THE BEST ALTERNATE, POSSIBLY COMMERCIAL, MEANS FOR SHIPMENT OF BOOKS, WHILE INTERNATIONAL AIR MAIL SHOULD BE USED FOR LETTERS.

6. THE EMBASSY WILL KEEP THE DEPARTMENT INFORMED ON FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.
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